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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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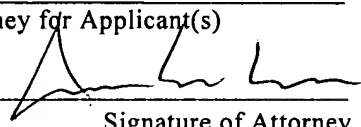
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